

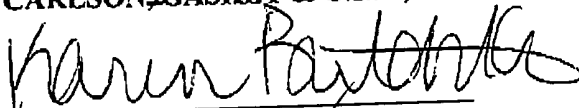
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Claims 1, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Schechinger et al. (French Patent No. 2,663,798). Scheshinger does not disclose a magnetic ring attached to an outer surface of a body of a commutator. As shown in Figure 1, Schechinger discloses an electromotive drive device having a spacing bush 33 mounted on a drive shaft 14. A magnet wheel 34 is pressed or mounted onto the spacing bush 33. As shown in Figure 2, the magnetic ring 34a is located outside of a spacer 33a and contacts an edge of the commutator 15. Applicant's claims require that the magnetic ring is attached to an outer surface of a body of a commutator, the outer surface being opposite to an inner surface of the commutator that is mounted on a shaft. Scheshinger does not disclose Applicant's claims, and Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Thus, claims 1, 4, and 5 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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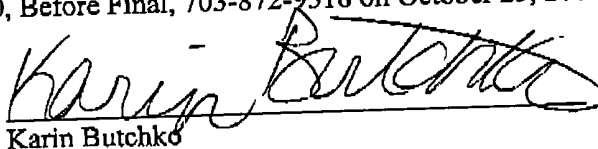
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--SPECIFICATION--

Please amend the title of the invention:

A MOTORIZED REDUCTION GEAR FOR FUNCTIONAL EQUIPMENT OF A VEHICLE

[GEAR SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE]

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= CLAIMS =

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A motorized reduction gear comprising:

a rotor provided with a rotor shaft bearing a commutator including a body having an inner surface mounted on said shaft and an opposing outer surface, and a reduction gearbox containing a gearwheel engaged with a worm of said shaft, and a magnetic ring mounted on said shaft in order that a [the] number of [shaft] rotations of said shaft can be counted, and wherein said magnetic ring is attached on said outer surface of said body of [to] said commutator.

4. (TWICE AMENDED) The motorized reduction gear as recited in Claim 1, wherein said magnetic ring is housed in an annular recess [is] located at an end of said commutator [which is free of hooks] for retaining a plurality of electrical connectors of said rotor.

6. (TWICE AMENDED) The motorized reduction gear as recited in Claim 1, wherein said magnetic ring is attached to one end of said commutator by at least two screws substantially parallel to an axis [(XX)] of said commutator.